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### SERIAL BANK ROBBER ARRESTED

A serial bank robbery suspect, who was responsible for at least **8 different bank robberies** throughout the Tucson area, was arrested late in the day on January 3, 2012. In addition, an accomplice to some of the robberies was also arrested. A synopsis of each robbery is included below.

On October 27, 2011, a male entered the **Wells Fargo Bank located at 555 North Wilmot** and approached the teller. He demanded and was given an undisclosed amount of money. What was notable about this robbery incident was that the suspect was dressed in **University of Arizona apparel**.

On November 1, 2011, the same male entered the **Wells Fargo Bank located at 555 North Wilmot** a second time. Employees in the bank recognized the male as the suspect from the previous robbery incident that occurred on October 27, 2011. He approached a different teller, again demanding and receiving an undisclosed amount of money before fleeing from the bank. Once again, he was wearing noticeable **University of Arizona apparel**.

On November 4, 2011, a male suspect entered the **Commerce Bank located at 2285 West Ina Road**. After advising a teller that he had a gun and demanding money, the male was given an undisclosed amount of money. He then left the bank.

On November 12, 2011, an unknown male entered the **Chase Bank located at 10255 East Broadway**. The male had contact with several employees inside of the bank. Ultimately, he implied that he had a weapon and demanded money. After being given an undisclosed amount of money, the male left the area. As with previous incidents, the male was dressed in **University of Arizona attire**. Multiple media releases were generated including photographs of the suspect, showing him in the University of Arizona clothing.

On December 8, 2011, a male entered the **Commerce Bank located at 2285 West Ina Road** for a second time. What was notable about this incident is that the male was wearing a **bandana over his face and was armed with a handgun**. He demanded and was given an undisclosed amount of money. After obtaining the money, the male left the bank.

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On December 9, 2011, a male wearing the same clothing that had been worn by the suspect in the bank robbery that occurred at the Commerce Bank on December 8, 2011 entered the **Tucson Old Pueblo Credit Union located at 9725 East Broadway**. Once again, he had a **bandana covering his face**. He again demanded and was given an undisclosed amount of money. He then left the area.

On December 27, 2011, a male entered the **Bank of the West located at 7901 East Speedway**. He demanded money from the teller while **pointing a handgun** directly at the teller. The male was also **wearing a bandana, covering his face**. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of money, the male left the bank.

Lastly, on January 3, 2012, a male entered the **Tucson Old Pueblo Credit Union located at 9725 East Broadway**. He was again wearing the **bandana covering on his face**. He advised the teller, the same victim teller from the incident that occurred on December 9, 2011, that he had a gun. He demanded that the teller give him money. Once he received an undisclosed amount of money, the male left the bank.

No citizens or bank employees were injured during any of the incidents. During a review of the incident that occurred on January 3, 2012, detectives from the Robbery Unit came to believe that the male suspect wearing a bandana and armed with a gun could be the same individual that had previously robbed several banks while wearing University of Arizona apparel. They came to believe this based on the stature of the male, the manner in which he committed the robberies, and other similarities between the various incidents. At this time, the specifics of the similarities are being withheld for investigative reasons. On or about December 20, 2011, detectives received an **88-Crime Tip**, naming the robbery suspect as **Steven Caplinger, 44-years of age**.

On January 3, 2012, a detective from the Robbery Unit as well as an agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigations responded to an apartment in the 300 Block of North Wilmot Road. The investigation into Mr. Caplinger revealed that he resided at that location with his son, **Destin Jordan, 21-years of age**, and son's girlfriend. While at the apartment, Mr. Jordan admitted his involvement as the "get away driver" in some of the robbery incidents. In addition, he confirmed that he had driven his father in a Green Minivan belonging to his girlfriend's mother in order that his father could commit the robbery incident that occurred earlier in the day on January 3, 2012.

Ultimately, both Mr. Caplinger and Mr. Jordan were arrested for various charges associated with the different robbery incidents. Mr. Caplinger was arrested for **3 counts of Armed Robbery, 4 counts of Aggravated Assault, and 3 counts of Aggravated Assault, all felonies**. Mr. Jordan was arrested for **1 count of Robbery, a felony**. Additional charges may be pending for both males, as the investigation continues. Both were transported and booked into the Pima County Jail. Booking photographs for each male are included below.



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Steven Caplinger



Destin Jordan

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